

## **Questions and Answers**

Why does a fire engine go to auto accidents?

The Paramedics on the ambulance will assist the injured persons while the firefighters on the fire engine will look for hazards, such as fuel leaks, disconnect batteries, and disable airbags. The firefighters may be needed to remove the doors or the roof of the car to remove the injured person. In some cases the firefighters need to assist with the treatment of the injured. The fire trucks carry various equipment/tools that may be needed on the scene of an accident.

Why does more than one vehicle go to a medical call?

Some medical calls require more personnel than the two Paramedics on the ambulance. Depending on the severity of the illness or injury, more team members may be requested or cancelled. In some areas of the County our volunteer first responders will arrive in their personal vehicles to assist the ambulance.